

University of Aberdeen, Department of Forestry

“.....si dare vis silvae plus tibi culta feret.”

(“...if you wish to give to the forest, it will yield more to you when you cultivate”)

Review of 2010

The Borthwick-Steven Lecture was delivered by Dr Hugh Evans, Head of Forest Research, Wales who considered the very topical subject of global threats to forests from international movement of forest pests. The Forestry Society Annual Dinner in the evening was entertained by a speech by Stuart Stevenson MSP, Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Climate Change, who gave an overview of the role forests in dealing with climate change and emphasised the importance of forestry to the Scottish economy. The student president gave an account of the year's activities including several forest visits. The raffle raised nearly £300 that will be used to support student activities.

The **Aberdeen University Forestry Alumni Prize** for the best **Forest Management Plan** was presented to Michael O Hands; and the **ICF Prize** for the **'Honours Student who has made Best Progress'** was presented to Kamil Witkos.

The Brief History of Forestry at Aberdeen 1907-2007

prepared as part of our centenary celebrations continues to be surprisingly popular and more contributions and photographs from the past have been submitted, suggesting that an update is needed. A copy can be downloaded at <http://www.abdn.ac.uk/~for257/>.

Student intake for 2010-2011

Our combined total of undergraduate, MSc and Continental European student intake this year is 15. As always, we need you to support forestry at Aberdeen. The University's External Relations office periodically corresponds with graduates requesting financial support. It is important that you ask about the future of the forestry degree programmes. You also have the right to specify where any contribution you wish to make should go.

Annual Dinner 2011

The 2011 Annual Dinner will be held on **Friday 4th March in the Cophorne Hotel**, Aberdeen, and we are delighted that **Tim Rollinson, Director General of the Forestry Commission** will be guest speaker. Further details are in the accompanying invitation letter.

Sponsoring Tables at the 2011 Annual Dinner

The sponsoring of tables by companies and organisations is an established feature of the Annual Dinner and greatly contributes to its success. Companies sponsoring tables can invite up to **four non-graduates per table (of 8) as special guests**. Variations to this number are possible, but you should check first with Andrew Cameron (a.d.cameron@abdn.ac.uk).

Prizes for 2011 Annual Dinner Raffle!

As always, we need **prizes for our raffle** for the 2011 dinner. If you wish to donate a prize/contribution, either as an individual or a company (whisky, wine, company paraphernalia, etc.), please bring something along on the evening and help support the Society. The money from the raffle goes not only to support student activities, but subsidises their tickets to the dinner and pays for a book token for the Forestry Alumni Prize.



The theory is interesting, but trying out the harvester is much more exciting!

2011 Annual Borthwick-Steven Lecture

The 2011 Annual Borthwick-Steven Lecture will take place on the afternoon of the Annual Dinner. The purpose of these lectures is to stimulate debate about topical and sometimes controversial issues affecting the forestry sector. The lecture

will be presented by **Dr Gary Kerr**, Forestry Commission Forest Research. The title is **'What is all the fuss about CCF? It's pretty simple - don't we just Carry on Clear Felling?'** The lecture will start at 3 pm. Details will be sent out with the dinner tickets and will be available on the forestry web site (<http://www.abdn.ac.uk/~for257/>).

Student debt

We are all aware of the increasing financial difficulties that our students have to endure. The Forestry Society greatly appreciates the donations made over the years by graduates to support Society trips to forests and to subsidise student tickets to the dinner. We hope that the generosity of our graduates continues.

Please keep in touch with our Alumni Relations team, particularly if you change address (Alumni Relations Office, University of Aberdeen, King's College, Aberdeen AB24 3FX, Scotland. Tel: +44 (0)1224-272092 Fax: +44 (0)1224-272271 Email: alumni@abdn.ac.uk).